

TRIBUTE TO LISA RAWLINS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Rawlins, who is retiring as Senior Vice President, Public Affairs for Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. after twenty-five years of exemplary service.

Ms. Rawlins, who holds a degree in cinema from the University of Southern California, began her career in story development for Ransohoff Productions and NBC. While working on film production issues and handling the press in former Governor George Deukmejian's office, Lisa saw the need to help combat the problem of runaway film and television production in California. In 1984, she established the California Film Commission, and in 1985, became the first Director of the California Film Commission, and served in that capacity for six years. During her time at the film commission, she wrote film-based legislation, streamlined the film permit process for state agencies, and developed a municipal filming ordinance for cities throughout California. In addition, Lisa founded the Film Liaisons in California, Statewide (FLICS), a network of dozens of local film offices throughout the state.

Lisa joined Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. in 1990 as Vice President of Production and Studio Affairs, where she focused on local and state government relations and successful advocacy for television and feature film productions, balanced with consideration of production impact on local communities. During her tenure at Warner Bros., she created their environmental sustainability program, leading the industry in green production and building, conservation, and waste reduction. In her capacity as Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, she managed community affairs, corporate responsibility, government affairs, environmental sustainability and philanthropy.

A selfless and generous volunteer in the Burbank community, Lisa has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations including the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Burbank YMCA, Project Restore, Coalition for Clean Air and the Burbank Unified School District's Partnership Advisory Council. An advocate for the creation of a one-stop film office for Los Angeles City and County, which ultimately became FilmLA, Ms. Rawlins currently serves as a member of FilmLA's Board of Directors.

A visionary in the television and motion picture industry, Lisa Rawlins has been an invaluable asset to the film and television field and has left a legacy that will be enjoyed and utilized by generations to come. I ask all Members to join me in thanking Lisa Rawlins for over three decades of distinguished service to the motion picture and television community and the greater Burbank region.

RECOGNIZING THE DREAM FOUNDATION'S "DREAMS FOR VETERANS" PROGRAM AND MR. GEORGE "RAY" WEST

HON. LOIS CAPPS

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Dream Foundation's new "Dreams for Veterans" program. As we pause to commemorate Veterans Day, I would like to acknowledge their unique and invaluable service to terminally-ill military veterans.

Dreams for Veterans is dedicated to serving terminally-ill veterans during their time of greatest need. They are the first national program specifically serving and honoring these individuals by fulfilling their final dream. Over the past year, Dreams for Veterans granted more than 100 dreams to veterans and are on track to double that number this year.

This spring, the Dream Foundation, which is based in my Congressional district, helped my constituent George "Ray" West realize his final dream of traveling with his family to Yosemite National Park. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. West at the "Dreams for Veterans" inaugural ceremony in Washington, DC earlier this year.

Mr. West is a U.S. Navy Veteran who served between 1944 and 1946. He was stationed first in Sampson, NY and later in Utah and Nevada. He eventually settled with his family in my hometown of Santa Barbara, CA.

Mr. West and his wife Jean first visited Yosemite on their honeymoon in 1950. The couple loved Yosemite so much that they have celebrated each anniversary by returning to the park. Ray had been diagnosed with heart disease and leukemia when he contacted the Dream Foundation to help his family travel to Yosemite at least one final time.

Each day, more than 1,800 of our nation's heroes die, accounting for nearly one-quarter of all American deaths. In addition to giving dream recipients and their families the opportunity to make the most of the time they have left, a final dream also improves their end of life care by addressing the emotional and psychological needs of terminally ill patients and those of their loved ones and caretakers.

The Dreams for Veterans program allows recipients the opportunity to reconnect with their former military service and provides a unique chance to reconcile memories and achieve a sense of closure. This one-of-a-kind program engages the military community by providing opportunities to refer applicants, contribute resources, or volunteer as Veteran Dream Hosts—volunteers who participate in Veteran-to-Veteran Dream deliveries.

The Dream Foundation is a leader in our community and has touched and inspired so many during its 21-year history of delivering final dreams to terminally ill adults. They fulfill more than 2,500 final dreams every year, working with hundreds of volunteers and more than 600 hospices and health care organizations nationwide.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AS THEY MARK 31 YEARS OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the American Cancer Society as they mark 31 years of the Relay For Life and bringing hope to communities across the country in the face of cancer. The American Cancer Society does lifesaving work and I join the organization in celebrating the progress it has made in the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life was first started in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt ran and walked for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington to make a statement about cancer awareness. Dr. Gordy Klatt's efforts helped the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern, and now, the Relay movement includes 3.5 million people around the world. The Relay For Life is now in more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries around the world. The Relay For Life brings together cancer survivors, caregivers, and all those touched by cancer. It gives everyone a chance to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer and empowers those who must continue the fight.

The Relay For Life began in Guam in the early 1990s and has steadily grown with most teams returning every year. 79 teams made up of families and businesses, and 280 cancer survivors and caregivers participated in the 2015 Guam Relay For Life. Together, the teams raised \$470,000 and Guam Relay For Life was recognized for raising the second highest amount in the High Plains, South Territory which includes Guam, Hawaii, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Though Guam is a small community, it continues to be recognized on the national level based on its achievements and commitment to the fight against cancer.

Cancer does not discriminate. It touches all of our people, young and old, and the people of Guam stand behind the American Cancer Society, and has taken an active commitment to join the cause of fighting cancer. The Relay For Life is celebrated annually throughout the world and survivors and caregivers proudly wear the color purple to symbolize royalty as they are honored during the Relay For Life. This year, the Guam community is beginning its 2016 Relay For Life festivities with "Paint Guam Purple" week from November 8 to November 13, 2015. The goal of the "Paint Guam Purple" campaign is to make a visual statement of how the Relay For Life brings hope to a community and help increase participation, fundraising and volunteerism. Groups and individuals are encouraged to wear purple, decorate the town purple, and participate in activities to engage others to become involved.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I join the American Cancer Society in honoring cancer survivors, caregivers, those who have lost the battle to cancer and all those touched by the disease by pledging to "Paint Guam Purple" through the week of November 8 to November